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*A Decade of Civic Development.* By CHARLES ZUEBLIN. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. Pp. 200, 12mo. Net, \$1.25; postpaid, \$1.38.

That "the making of the new city will mean the making of a new citizen" is convincingly stated in *A Decade of Civic Development*. Indeed, the quotation may be offered as the keynote of this composite picturing of hopeful effort and actual achievement. As was the White City of 1893, so is this stimulating volume, "an epitome of the best we have done, and a prophecy of what we could do, if we were content with nothing but the best, and added to individual excellence a common purpose." Possible allies for the common good as they may be, yet the view-points of the "muck-raker" of current newspaper fame and the seeker after golden news of civic accomplishment are as far apart as pole from pole. Mr. Zueblin uncovers rich pockets of nuggets and unbroken veins of free gold, as well as much admixture of the baser elements of faulty purpose and imperfect practice.

The spirit of prophecy which dominates the book is the more assuring because of the clear-cut and satisfying perspective which leads from past to present and into future decades. The facts recorded are not generally unfamiliar, but much of their essential significance as herein revealed has been hidden by their seemingly unrelated nature. The well-founded optimism of the book, the attractive record of fact, the revelation of correlation and co-ordination, and the fascinating glimpses of realizable possibility give this little volume a place of unusual value.

On replying to the request of a public librarian for the "best book to give to an awakening community," the writer made prompt reference to *A Decade of Civic Development*, and this recommendation is now repeated for the sake of the many who "are tired of polluted air and water, dirty streets, grimy buildings, and disordered cities," and the lesser number of those who reckon that consideration of the physical may well precede the political in the "training of the citizen" and the growth of the "new civic spirit" so appealingly set forth in this volume.

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